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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. I PAID FAREWELL CALL AFTERNOON JANUARY 6 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROTOCOL CHIEF LOPES TEMBE AND WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICAN DIVISION
HEAD SHARFUDINE KHAN, LATTER RECENTLY RETURNED FROM UNGA. I USED
OCCASION TO INTRODUCE SECOND SECRETARY GARSON AND TO REVIEW ONCE
AGAIN TWO PRINCIPAL ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING; DETAINED USMISSIONARIES

AND AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE NEW OFFICE BUILDING.

2. I AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CONTINUED DETENTION OF
MISSIONARIES, CITED WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THEIR WELFARE BYNUMBEROUS

GROUPS AND MEMBERS CONGRESS IN US, SAID I THOUGHT IT UNFORTUNATE
THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE MATTER DURING MY TENURE HERE,
AND STATED THAT IF MATTER STILL UNRESOLVED WHEN OUR AMBASSADOR
ARRIVED, HE WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE IT ONE OF HIS FIRST ORDERS OF
BUSINESS

TEMBE REPLIED THAT BOTH JUSTICE AND INTERIOR MINISTRIES NOW LOOKING
INTO ISSUE (HE HAD PREVIOUSLY JUST CITED INTERIOR), NOTED-AS HE

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HAD EARLIED (LM 1393)-THAT BOTH MINISTERS CONCERNED HAD BEEN

EXTREMELY BUSY SINCE EVENTS OF DECEMBER 17-19, BUT INTIMATED
PROGRESS
MIGHT NOW BE MADE ON MATTER. I SAID I SINCERELY HOPED SO. KHAN,
WITH NO REAL KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION, REPEATED SAME INCONSEQUENTIAL
NOISES HE HAD BEEN MAKING IN NEW YORK SINCE SEPTEMBER.

3. RE AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE NEW BUILDING, TEMBE AGAIN MADE NOTE
OF MY REMINDER AND AGAIN SAID HE EXPECTED HAVE DECISION SOON.
COMMENT: MOST MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SOME
CONSIDERED MOST FRIENDLY BY GPRN, E.G. SOMALIA, ARE HAVING SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES FINDING AND THEN ACQUIRING RESIDENCES AND/OR OFFICE
BUILDINGS THEY CONSIDER SUITABLE. COMPETITION FOR GOOD SPACE
IS FIERCE, AND WE ARE LOW ON LIST OF PRIORITIES. I AM BEGINNING
LOSE CONFIDENCE WE WILL BE AUTHORIZED LEASE THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING,
WHICH IS NOW FLANKED ON WEST BY CONGOLESE AND ON NORTH BY NORTH
KOREANS, AND HAVE BEGUN A CONTINGENCY SEARCH FOR ALTERNATE
FACILITIES.

4. UPON DEPARTING, I ASKED TEMBE IF I COULD PAY A BRIEF FAREWELL CALL
ON FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE HE LEFT FOR OAU MEETING. TEMBE SAID
CHISSANO HAD LEFT FOR DAR ENROUTE
MEETING THAT MORNING.

5. STATE 02349 WAS RECEIVED HERE MORNING JANUARY 7. A) I HAD
INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY VIA THIRD PERSON NOTE OF WHITE HOUSE
ANNOUNCEMENT ON DE PREE, AND RECALLED DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH
CHISSANO AT JANUARY 5 NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION THAT I HAD MENTIONED
DELAYS DUE TO SEANTE CONFIRMATION PROCESS DURING OUR DECEMBER 9.
MEETING, HE NODDED HIS RECOLLECTION. I REPEATED THIS TO TEMBE AND
KHAN
DURING FAREWELL CALL B) I RAISED MISSIONARY ISSUE AS ABOVE.

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